



King County, Washington is teaming up with the City of Vancouver, British Columbia to undertake a demonstration of bike sharing systems in the Seattle area (and separately, in Vancouver, B.C.).



The intent of this demonstration is twofold:

- ▶ To allow the public, employers and elected officials to see an actual bike share station and try out the bikes prior to making final decisions about program elements that will eventually lead to an RFP.
- ▶ To generate excitement about bike sharing in King County and the City of Vancouver.



The parameters of this demonstration are as follows:

- ▶ The vendor must be willing to schedule up to a week in each of the two cities noted above in May/June 2009 (exact locations and timing to be determined).
- ▶ The vendor must bring at least one bike share station and five bicycles for the public to try in each of the two cities. Vendors are welcome to bring more than one bike share station, but should consult with each host to determine appropriate placement.
- ▶ The demo will be done at no cost to King County (or to the City of Vancouver, B.C.)
- ▶ The vendor must demonstrate a bike share station prototype that can be set up and taken down without breaking concrete or damaging existing street infrastructure.
- ▶ The vendor must be willing to indemnify King County and the City of Vancouver, B.C.(and any other private or public entity providing space for the temporary bike share station) from liability during the period of the demonstration.
- ▶ There will be no direct compensation in exchange for demonstrating this product and service. However, participating Vendors will likely receive significant publicity from the demonstrations in these jurisdictions, as well as have the opportunity to establish a temporary location to set up and test interest in the bike share stations. King County is also willing to coordinate with vendors on the issuing of a press release. The City of Vancouver would also help publicize the demonstration of the product in Vancouver.

At this time, King County has identified at least two vendors willing to demonstrate their bike share product. If you have any questions or would like to participate as a vendor in this demonstration, please contact:

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We appreciate your interest,
and look forward to your
participation.